

VIRGINIA LATINO ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING TO REVIEW 2018-19 RECOMMENDATIONS
JUNE 5, 2019

Overview of Recommendations

I. Adjusting to a new society – systems, language and culture.

- A. Legal right to drive: drivers privilege cards
- B. Eviction prevention and increase in affordable housing
 - 1. Knowledge of rights related to housing/eviction process
 - 2. Statewide pro bono housing law program
- C. Reduce wage theft: increase investigative capacity of DOLI and VEC
- D. English Language Learners:
 - 1. Recognize the value of multilingual and multicultural knowledge of all students to contribute to a forward-thinking, globally-oriented Virginia
 - 2. Request a systematic and multipronged approach to rapidly advancing ELL students to be successful in school.

II. Increase opportunities to fully contribute to the Virginia economy and society.

- A. Full Professional Participation
 - 1. State contract participation and procurement – Plan to increase participation in State procurement
 - 2. Pipeline for Latinx healthcare providers – increase opportunities for career exploration, scholarships and practice by foreign medical graduates.
- B. Strong Participation in Open and Accessible Government
 - 1. Create structures to establish permanence of diversity, inclusion and equity goals:
 - a) *Advisory Board on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to the VDHRM*
 - b) *Require all Secretariats to prepare Diversity, Equity and Inclusion plans*
 - 2. Civic Engagement
 - a) *Civic engagement: Strategic Plan for civic engagement and voter registration education. (Secretaries of Administration and Education)*
 - b) *Participation in Census 2020 – funding for outreach and education*
 - 3. Remove or reduce barriers
 - a) *Remove 40 quarter work requirement for lawful permanent residents to qualify for Medicaid*
 - b) *Reduce barriers to our functioning as an Advisory Board*
 - (1) Remove limit of 4 meetings/year that is unique to our Board
 - (2) Some FOIA rules limit VLAB's productivity